

Principal Update:

The MS/HS midterm grade check is Friday, February 6th. Students and parents can monitor grades and student progress using JMC. If you have questions about how to access grades in JMC, please contact the school office. If you have questions regarding your student's progress, we encourage you to reach out to your child's teacher(s). Thank you for your continued collaboration and support!

Current Job Openings:

- Paraeducator
- Special Education & Elementary Teacher
- K-12 Physical Education Teacher
- Van Route Driver
- Bus Route Driver (26-27 school year)
- Substitute Teachers, Paraeducators, Kitchen Staff, and Bus Drivers

If you would like to apply for any of these positions, please contact Katie Elwood at kelwood@stantonschools.com, or apply online at <https://iowa.schoolspring.com/>

Teammates

January is National Mentoring Month. We want to thank all of our community members who have volunteered to mentor through Teammates of Stanton!

Teammates will be selling Almost Famous popcorn at home basketball games on January 27th, 29th, and 30th! Please stop by to support our local Teammates program. Proceeds will go towards mentoring activities throughout the year

The Teammates Mentoring Program connects caring adult volunteers with students for weekly one-on-one mentoring during the school day, aiming to inspire youth to reach their potential by helping them graduate high school and pursue further education building confidence, goals, and life skills through consistent positive support.

Teammates Mentoring of Stanton is also looking for additional mentors. If you would like to apply to become a mentor, you can find application information at www.teammates.org. If you have any questions regarding mentoring, please contact either Ashley McDonald or Katie Elwood at 712-829-2162.

Jr. High Girls Basketball

The Stanton Viqueens Jr. High Girls are midway through their season. The team has delivered an impressive stretch of performances on the hardwood, earning victories over Lenox, Griswold, Fremont-Mills, Essex, Red Oak, and East Union. Throughout the series of games, the Viqueens have showcased balanced scoring, disciplined defense, and strong teamwork, setting the tone early and maintaining control against each opponent. The Viqueens' pressure defense forces turnovers, while quick ball movement on offense creates high-percentage scoring opportunities. The girls play unselfish basketball and stay focused. They work hard in practice, and it has shown during these games. With confidence high and teamwork clicking, the Stanton Jr. High girls look forward to carrying their success into upcoming matchups next week.

Respiratory illnesses such as colds, influenza, **strep throat**, and COVID are circulating in our school community. Please help us reduce the spread of illness by:

- Keeping students home if they are sick
- Ensuring students are fever-free for **24 hours without medication** before returning to school
- Remembering that students diagnosed with **strep throat must be on antibiotics for 24 hours** before returning
- Encouraging frequent handwashing and covering coughs and sneezes
- Sending a water bottle to support hydration and wellness

Thank you for partnering with us to keep our school healthy!

Stanton's little dance and cheer camp kids will be performing on Friday, Jan 30th. We will perform at halftime of the boys' game. Please have kids at the gym by 7 pm. We will meet at the Viking center, practice a few times, and then walk over to the gym together! Please wear your camp t-shirts!

Any questions, please reach out to Jana McCunn at 712-789-0145

National Honor Society Induction

The National Honor Society Induction will be held Wednesday, January 28th at 10 am in the Stanton Gymnasium!

District Large Group Speech Contest

This Saturday, the Stanton High School speech students will travel to Mt. Ayr High School for the District Large Group Speech Contest. The team will be competing under school code 907. The team will be competing in short film and radio broadcasting. Spectators, please arrive at the contest center 30-45 minutes before the scheduled performance times. All Stanton entries will be competing in Center 4, Room 119. The first performance of the day will take place at 8:20 AM. Rhys King and Hannah Gibbs with their short film, *The Great Unknown/Fanum Tax*, with a creative visual production. At 9:00 AM, the short film group of Grant Spencer, Eric Kutzli, Addie Spencer, and Elisabeth Kutzli will showcase *Sock Puppets/Chess Boxing*, bringing humor and originality to the screen. The focus then shifts to audio storytelling at 10:00 AM, when Nolan Case, Cooper Dreyer, Jayden Snow, Kennedy Stites, Tristan Elwood, Corinne Hopf, and Adrianna Valdez are presenting *WAI-FM* in the radio broadcasting category. Their performance will highlight teamwork, clear communication, and broadcast creativity. The day concludes with another radio broadcasting entry at 12:10 PM, as Addy Gettler, Addie Peterson, Addison Jones, Piper French, Cooper Stephens, Lauren Roberts, and Quinn McDonald take the stage with *WGRV*. With a packed schedule and strong student participation, the day will reflect the hard work, preparation, and talent of Stanton's speech as they represent their school at the district level. Good Luck!

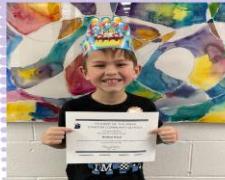
Bible Club

We have a great group of kids attending Bible Club this year!

Change of dates: We will **not have Bible Club on January 28th**. Please let your child's teacher know what he/she will need to do that day. There **will be** Bible Club on February 4th.

Remind your kiddos to grab all of their snow gear when they leave the church. We try to get lost and found back to the school, but, a lot of times, kids don't check for it.

STUDENT OF THE WEEK



HUDSON WARD

"Hudson listens carefully to his teachers, follows directions, and completes his work with effort and care. He has a positive attitude, tries new things, and feels proud of doing his best every day!"



STUDENT OF THE WEEK



LOGAN HOPF

"Logan consistently greets others and shows respect. He works hard and is a leader in the classroom. He does an excellent job modeling our Viking Values."



A Survival Guide to the Winter Blues

From the Desk of Assistant Principal Hartman — Your Official (and Slightly Overcaffeinated) Winter Wellness Advisor

Hello everyone who still remembers what sunlight looks like. The days are short, the socks are long, and the school hallways have officially declared a seasonal limp. Winter is here, and so is the classic school-community combo of sniffles, slow mornings, and emotional hibernation. Fear not. As your assistant principal, I offer you a concise — and mildly humorous — playbook to survive (and maybe even enjoy) the chilly stretch ahead. (Don't forget the Chili and Cinnamon Rolls!!)

- Keep moving (even if it's just dramatically stomping into class) A brisk walk, a dance-off in the kitchen, or sprinting after the bus all increase serotonin and give you a legitimate reason to wear your fuzzy hat indoors (except not in the hallways, we frown on that.)
- Hydrate like it's a sport Cold air is sneaky and dries you out — and so do hot cocoa binges. Alternate cocoa with water. Your skin and math teacher will both thank you.
- Light is not optional Sunlight is the MVP of mood-boosters. Sit by the window at lunch, take a couple extra minutes between classes for fresh air, or strategically place your science teacher's desk lamp near your homework.
- Dress in layers, not despair (y'all hear me say it as you walk in and out from the bus) Layers mean you can survive the outdoors, the gym, and the arctic blast from the outside doors without having to change your personality.
- Build a micro-joy routine Little wins stack up: a five-minute joke break, a quick sketch, a favorite song on your way to class. Collect them like Pokémons — except less arguing in the hallways.
- Talk about feelings (not just the weather) Sharing how you're feeling helps. Staff and counselors are here to listen—no formal application required. If dramatic poetry helps, Mrs. Carpenter will accept that too.
- Sleep: the underrated superhero Don't trade sleep for scrolling. A rested brain is a happier brain. Set a bedtime, even if "teen" and "bedtime" have a complicated relationship.
- Laugh loudly and often (OR AT LEAST SMILE) Laughter is free, contagious (in a good way), and requires no substitutes. Tell a joke. Share a meme. If you create a pun so bad it causes groans, you've done your civic duty.
- Help someone else thaw out Small acts of kindness—compliments, holding a door, sharing a granola bar—warm the community faster than any space heater.

In closing: winter is not permanent, but your resilience is. Treat yourself kindly, check in on others, and remember that surviving the winter blues is a team sport. If you need more help, the counseling office, nurse, and teachers are ready — and I'll be here with emergency chocolate and a suspiciously large collection of motivational cards.

Stay warm, stay silly, and stamp those boots with pride.
— Assistant Principal Hartman

What's Cookin?

Monday, Jan 26 -NO SCHOOL

Tuesday, Jan 27 - **Breakfast:** Cereal, Fruit, Juice, Milk. **Lunch:** Crispito/Hot Dog, Corn, Lettuce, Pears, Applesauce, Milk.

Wednesday, Jan 28 - **Breakfast:** Breakfast Bagel, Juice, Milk. **Lunch:** Chicken Nuggets, Baked Beans, Coleslaw, Peaches, Oranges, Banana Muffin, Milk.

Thursday, Jan 29 - **Breakfast:** Cinnamon toast Crunch Bar, Fruit, Juice, Milk. **Lunch:** Ham & Cheese Sandwich, Peas, Green Beans, Mixed Fruit, Raisins, Rice, Milk

Friday, Jan 30 - **Breakfast:** Dutch Waffle, Fruit, Juice, Milk. **Lunch:** Cheesy Pull-Apart, Tater Tots, Carrots, Apple Slices, Pears, Milk

PRESENTED BY THE STANTON FFA CHAPTER

15TH ANNUAL

FFA TOY SHOW



01-31-2026

9AM TO 2PM @ THE WHITE 4H EXHIBIT BUILDING IN RED OAK, IA

ADMISSION: \$5.00 (10 AND UNDER ARE FREE)

Contact - Annie Brooke - 712-829-2162

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FUNDS RAISED THROUGH

ADMISSION FEES WILL GO TO SUPPORT STANTON FFA CHAPTER ACTIVITIES.

JANUARY 27TH STANTON PINK OUT



Upcoming Events

Fri., Jan 23

Sat., Jan 24

Mon., Jan 26

Tues., Jan 27

Wed., Jan 28

Thur., Jan 29

Fri., Jan 30

8:00 District Large Group Speech

Corner Conference Boys BB @ Griswold

10:00 HS G Wrestling @ Atlantic

12:30 Girls Bowling @ Red Oak

5:30 HS G Wrestling @ Red Oak

4:00 JH G BB vs Sidney

4:00 JH Boys Wrestling @ Clarinda

6:00 V G/B BB vs. Sidney

10:00 NHS Induction @ HS Gym

6:00 V G/B BB vs CAM

4:00 JH G BB vs EM

4:00 JH Boys Wrestling @ Griswold

4:00 HS G Wrestling Regionals @ RO

6:00 V G/B BB vs EM

